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29 December 1953

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MEMORANDUM FOR: RECORD

SUBJECT : GUATEMALA

1. The following appears at p. 18 of Progress Report (dated 20 November 1953) by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 114/1 (U.S. Objectives and Courses of Action with Respect to LA):

"As a matter of policy it has been decided that U.S. Army and Air Force Missions should be maintained in Guatemala, even though the present Guatemalan Government is strongly influenced by Communists. Guatemalan Armed Forces apparently have not been infiltrated by the Communists and appear to be the most significant element in Guatemala capable of influencing the present undesirable political situation. U.S. Missions could perform the useful role of promoting pro-U.S. attitudes among Guatemalan military personnel. Although the agreements with Guatemala have expired, the Guatemalan Government continues to observe their provisions and there are indications that Guatemala desires to retain the missions." (Underscoring supplied).

2. The above ties in with State Instruction No. CA-3031, dated 4 Dec 53, to Managua, San Salvador and Tegucigalpa, stating that Defense had in response to a State request recommended to State that Nicaragua, El Salvador and Honduras be included in the grant-aid military assistance program. One reason given for this decision was:

"Second. The possibility that the implicit emphasis of Guatemala's ineligibility to receive grant assistance, in the face of tangible U.S. assistance to neighboring states, would help establish a political climate in Guatemala beneficial to anti-Communist Guatemalan elements, including elements in the Guatemalan armed forces disposed to combat Communist domination of the present Guatemalan Government." (Underscoring supplied).

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